

The Bloomfield Record.

Raising Bananas in Florida.

The most perfect banana plantation in the United States is that of Colonel Whitner, near Silver Lake, over 200 miles south of Jacksonville, and practically beyond the region of killing frosts. A daily line of steamers renders it easy of access from Jacksonville and at all other points upon the river. The plantation covers an area of several acres, and contains over 10,000 plants, most of them in bearing. The plants are of different varieties. Some of them are huge trees, twenty feet high, with a trunk from six to eight inches in diameter, while others, and probably the largest number, are of the celebrated dwarf species, standing from six to eight feet high, with a trunk from four to five inches in diameter. The banana, as cultivated in this climate, bears no visible seed, but is propagated from slips or cuttings which bear transplanting well and grow with great rapidity. These slips are generally planted about eight feet apart; if it is the dwarf species an acre of ground will contain from 600 to 700 plants. They require a deep, rich soil and considerable moisture. It has no season, but the fruit matures generally in from eleven to thirteen months from the date of planting, and by properly timing the planting ripe fruit may be obtained at all seasons of the year. The cutting once planted first develop two leaves tightly rolled together, which grow to a height of three or four feet. The blades begin to unfold, one after another, into great broad leaves, the stems forming a smooth trunk, which grows to the size of a large apple tree, composed entirely of these concentric leaf stems or petals. In about eight or nine months, according to the warmth of the season, a deep purple bud appears just at the point of divergence of the upper leaves, and soon pushes itself into full view, its lengthening stem bending under the weight of a purple blossom, shaped like a pointed egg. Soon a leaf of this blossom opens at the pointed end and rolls back to the base, disclosing a row of five or six tiny bananas, nestled close together, as if hiding under the shelter of this leaf. Each miniature fruit has a waxed flower at the end, with a stigma projecting through it. Other leaves of the blossom unfold one after another in the same way, until twenty or thirty clusters of fruit are developed, all clinging to one stem, when these leaves wither and fall, and the fruit swell and lengthen to maturity, which requires generally about three or four months. The great stem on which the fruit grows bends under its weight until the long, finger-like fruit hangs down in graceful clusters.

Each plant bears but a single bunch of fruit and then withers and dies, but while the fruit is maturing there springs up from the base of the trunk several offshoots which take the place of the old plant when it has been removed, and go on growing to the full size of the parent tree.

The fruit, when grown full size, begins to show a streak of yellow upon its deep green skin, when it should be gathered for shipment to market, as it is easily and quickly ripened after cutting by wrapping the bunch in straw or in a blanket and keeping it in a warm place. By cutting the bunches at the right time they can be shipped to New York with perfect safety.

Col. Whitner has upon his plantation to-day thousands of bunches, in all stages of development, from the little miniature buds to the well matured fruit six or seven inches long. Many of these bunches contain 125 bananas, which sell readily to shippers at two cents each, from which may be inferred the great profits of banana culture.

An acre of ground will readily support 600 plants. Suppose the bunches to average seventy-five bananas each, and we have an annual income of \$900 from a single acre. The cost of preparing and enriching the ground and setting the plants the first year, including the cost of the slips, will average, say \$1 a plant, leaving a profit of \$900; but they perpetuate themselves after the first year and require but little expenditure. The shoots that spring up from the bulbous root stock will supply plants enough to double the ground each year, or they may be sold for more than enough to pay for all expenses after the first year, thus leaving the \$900 net for the second and succeeding years.

Humboldt states that an amount of land that will produce 1,000 pounds of potatoes will yield 44,000 pounds of bananas, and a surface bearing well enough to feed one man will yield bananas enough to feed twenty-five men.—Atlantic Monthly.

This is how a victim says it feels: "Take a man and pin three or four large table cloths about him, fastened back with elastic and looped up with ribbons; drag all his own hair to the middle of his head and tie it tight, and hairpin on about five pounds of other hair and a big bow of ribbon. Keep the front locks on pins all night, and let them tickle his eyes all day; pinch his waist into a corset, and give him gloves a size too small and shoes ditto, and a hat that will not stay on under a torturing elastic, and a frill to tickle his chin, and a little lace veil to blind his eyes whenever he goes out to walk, and he will know what a women's dress is."

A body that weighs one pound upon the earth would weigh twenty-seven and a half pounds if transported to the sun; and an ordinary sized man would there weigh four thousand pounds.

Bathing Two Thousand Years Ago.

Frequent ablutions and baths are wants of the people in all Southern climates, consequently we find more or less extensive accommodations to satisfy these demands with the standard bearers of ancient civilization.

With the old Romans, more than any other people of ancient or modern times, bathing had come to be an intense passion, and never before or after them has any nation done or created as many and as grand enterprises for gratifying this passion as those Romans. Every one in ancient Rome, rich or poor, high or low, old or young, used to bathe at least once, and often several times a day.

It is even reported that illers and dandies in the times of the Empire visited the baths as much as seven times a day. Of course they found there, beside the ablutions, almost everything, commendable or not, to tickle the senses or fit to kill time, and spent about them most part of their days, and even parts of the night. The poets recited the latest products of their genius and wit, philosophical dissertations changed the diet, Comus and Thespis were done homage, and more easily disposed worshipped Tapesthore or spent a pleasant hour in gossip or news hunting. Those complete establishments which superseded the baths in the open rivers are said to have been originated after the model of similar places in Greece. There were not many public or private institutions of this kind under the Republic, and all of them were rather plain in their appointments.

Luxury and magnificence were developed under the era of the Emperors when the baths proper, the warm, hot and steam baths, increased rapidly in numbers and dimensions, each succeeding in trying to eclipse all former efforts. The baths under the Empire were first intended for the poorer classes, and a trifling entrance fee was charged. The richer citizens used the baths in their own houses; but the public places soon came to be rendezvous where the cream of society, talent, genius and the *beau monde* generally met, and had such a fabulous extent that in the theatre of Caracalla, which was later described, 3,000 people could bathe simultaneously. Some of the most noted classic monuments of sculpture, a Laocoon, a Parnesian Taurus, a Parnesian Hercules, the Torso of Belvidere, among many others, owe their origin to the thermæ. It will give an idea of the exquisite luxury to hear that during the games sprinklings (*parades*) were introduced in hot days, where, by properly constructed pumps, perfumed cool water, in minutely diffused sprays, was directed on the spectators, so as to impart a fragrant coolness to the moistened air.

The apartments allotted to the women were much simpler in ornamentation than those reserved for the men, which is easily explained by the want of appreciation of woman in those ancient slave-holding communities, it being a generally observed axiom that the worship of woman rose as slavery and serfdom lost ground, and is the proud privilege of modern civilization. Originally the women had for certain hours of the day the exclusive use of the bath, until in the time of the great depravity of morals under Nero this custom was abolished.

Amantio, or Queen of White. It will be to the interest of the ladies of Bloomfield and vicinity to call at Mrs. M. A. Harvey's Millinery Rooms, 26 door from Post Office, and examine the new and delightful perfume and face powder combined. Nothing like has ever been offered for sale in this place. As a perfume it is beautiful and lasting, as a face powder it is no equal. Try it. For sale only by Mrs. M. A. Harvey, Bloomfield, N. J.

Col. Whitner has upon his plantation to-day thousands of bunches, in all stages of development, from the little miniature buds to the well matured fruit six or seven inches long. Many of these bunches contain 125 bananas, which sell readily to shippers at two cents each, from which may be inferred the great profits of banana culture.

An acre of ground will readily support 600 plants. Suppose the bunches to average seventy-five bananas each, and we have an annual income of \$900 from a single acre. The cost of preparing and enriching the ground and setting the plants the first year, including the cost of the slips, will average, say \$1 a plant, leaving a profit of \$900; but they perpetuate themselves after the first year and require but little expenditure. The shoots that spring up from the bulbous root stock will supply plants enough to double the ground each year, or they may be sold for more than enough to pay for all expenses after the first year, thus leaving the \$900 net for the second and succeeding years.

Humboldt states that an amount of land that will produce 1,000 pounds of potatoes will yield 44,000 pounds of bananas, and a surface bearing well enough to feed one man will yield bananas enough to feed twenty-five men.—Atlantic Monthly.

This is how a victim says it feels: "Take a man and pin three or four large table cloths about him, fastened back with elastic and looped up with ribbons; drag all his own hair to the middle of his head and tie it tight, and hairpin on about five pounds of other hair and a big bow of ribbon. Keep the front locks on pins all night, and let them tickle his eyes all day; pinch his waist into a corset, and give him gloves a size too small and shoes ditto, and a hat that will not stay on under a torturing elastic, and a frill to tickle his chin, and a little lace veil to blind his eyes whenever he goes out to walk, and he will know what a women's dress is."

HAYES & TAYLOR,

Successors to HARGREAVES & HAYES, Glenwood Ave. and Washington Street, Bloomfield.

PLUMBING, GAS AND STEAM FITTING.

Tin, Sheet Iron and Copper Workers.

BRICK SET AND PORTABLE.

HOT AIR FURNACES,

Fire-place Heaters, Brick-set and Portable Ranges, Stoves, &c.

BRASS, IRON, WOOD, LEAD AND FORCE PUMPS.

GAS FIXTURES,

Chandeliers, Brackets, &c. Hardware, Tinware, Housekeeping Goods, &c., &c.

Jobbing and repairing promptly attended to. All work guaranteed, and at the lowest prices.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

JOSEPH B. HARVEY,

Tin, Sheet Iron & Copper Worker,

Roofing, Leaders and Tin Ware,

Plumbing and Gas Fitting, also SHEET

LEAD, LEAD PIPE, LIFT AND FORCE PUMPS,

Ranges, Hot Air Furnaces,

Parlor, Office and Cook Stoves, Bathtubs, Kettles,

Water Closets, Bath Tubs, Cisterns and Well Pumps.

The Subscriber, calling attention to his Business Card as above, and thankful for the patronage bestowed for the past thirty-one years by the people of Bloomfield and adjacent towns and country, solicits a continuance of the same, trusting that a strict attention to all business entrusted to him, will merit their favor in the future as in the past.

JOSEPH B. HARVEY.

A Fine Assortment of

Gent's Furnishing Goods

May always be found at

MARTIN ZAHNLE'S

SHAVING AND HAIR DRESSING SALOON,

Bloomfield Centre, Adjoining Architect's Hotel.

KINGSFORD'S

OSWEGO PURE AND

SILVER GLOSS STARCH,

For the Laundry.

MANUFACTURED BY

T. KINGSFORD & SON,

THE BEST STARCH IN THE WORLD.

GIVES A BEAUTIFUL FINISH TO THE LINEN,

and the difference in cost between it and common starch is scarcely half a cent for an ordinary washing. Ask your Grocer for it.

KINGSFORD'S

OSWEGO CORN STARCH.

For Pickling, Baking, Mince, Ice Cream, &c.

Is the original—Established in 1848. And preserves its reputation as PURE, STONGER AND MORE DELICATE than any other article of the kind offered, either of the same or with other titles.

STEVENS MACANAB, Th. D., &c., the highest chemical authority in Europe, carefully analyzed this Corn Starch, and says it is a most excellent article of diet and in chemical and feeding properties is fully equal to the best arrowroot.

Directions for making Pickings, Custards, &c., accompany each one pound package.

For Sale by all First-Class Grocers.

GENTLEMEN'S

Furnishing Goods.

SHIRTS.

The SHIRT DEPARTMENT has always been a feature of our Establishment, to which we have given great attention. In the Custom Department we have made 3,000 SPECIAL ORDERS in less than four years, while in the Ready-Made Branch our sales have far exceeded.

Our Prices for WAMUTTA SHIRTS to order are \$15.00 the 1-3 Dozen.

For WAMUTTA SHIRTS in Stock, \$14.00 the 1-3 Dozen.

For LONSALE in Stock, \$11.00 the 1-3 Dozen.

For HOPE MILLS in Stock, \$8.00 the 1-3 Dozen.

We feel confident it will be to your interest to examine before purchasing elsewhere.

R. F. JOLLEY & CO.,

No. 331 Broad Street,

Newark, N. J.

HACELL'S

BAZAAR.

637 BROAD ST., NEWARK.

CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES

At Factory Prices.

TOYS! TOYS!

The Finest Assortment in the City.

Hagell's, 637 Broad St.

These Pumps are made in the most substantial manner from the best wood cucumber timber, for whom the pumps are superior to any Wood Pump Manufactured. Put in wells and cisterns and warranted to give satisfaction by

HAYES AND TAYLOR.

PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS, BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

These Pumps are made in the most substantial manner from the best wood cucumber timber, for whom the pumps are superior to any Wood Pump Manufactured. Put in wells and cisterns and warranted to give satisfaction by

HAYES AND TAYLOR.

PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS, BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

These Pumps are made in the most substantial manner from the best wood cucumber timber, for whom the pumps are superior to any Wood Pump Manufactured. Put in wells and cisterns and warranted to give satisfaction by

HAYES AND TAYLOR.

PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS, BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

These Pumps are made in the most substantial manner from the best wood cucumber timber, for whom the pumps are superior to any Wood Pump Manufactured. Put in wells and cisterns and warranted to give satisfaction by

HAYES AND TAYLOR.

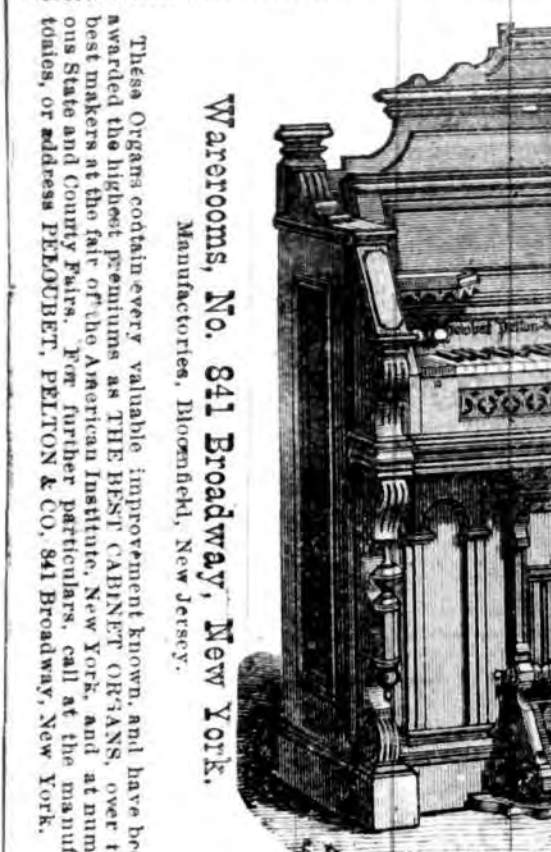
PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS, BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

These Pumps are made in the most substantial manner from the best wood cucumber timber, for whom the pumps are superior to any Wood Pump Manufactured. Put in wells and cisterns and warranted to give satisfaction by

HAYES AND TAYLOR.

PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS, BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

Advertisements.



C. W. POWERS, Jr.,

LUMBER & COAL.

Office and Yard foot of Beach Street.

Also the best Lumber

and

COALS, STOVE

and

CHESNUT SIZES.

Work done to Order.

Also the best Lumber

and

COALS, STOVE

and

CHESNUT SIZES.

Work done to Order.

Also the best Lumber

and

COALS, STOVE

and

CHESNUT SIZES.

Work done to Order.

Also the best Lumber

and

COALS, STOVE

and

CHESNUT SIZES.

Work done to Order.

Also the best Lumber

and

COALS, STOVE

and

CHESNUT SIZES.

Work done to Order.

Also the best Lumber

and

COALS, STOVE

and

CHESNUT SIZES.

Work done to Order.

Also the best Lumber

and

COALS, STOVE

and

CHESNUT SIZES.

Work done to Order.

Also the best Lumber

and

COALS, STOVE

and

CHESNUT SIZES.

Work done to Order.

Also the best Lumber

and

COALS, STOVE

and

CHESNUT SIZES.

Work done to Order.

Also the best Lumber

and

COALS, STOVE

and

CHESNUT SIZES.

Work done to Order.

Also the best Lumber

and

COALS, STOVE

and

CHESNUT SIZES.

Work done to Order.

Also the best Lumber

and

COALS, STOVE

and

CHESNUT SIZES.

Work done to Order.

Also the best Lumber

and

COALS, STOVE

and

CHESNUT SIZES.

PRINTING.



ALL KINDS OF

Book and Job Printing

Done in the

Neatest and Best Style.

And at

Low Rates.

Residents of Bloomfield, Montclair and

vicinity will find it to their advantage to

have their Printing done at The Record

Office.

Office and Yard foot of Beach Street.

Also the best Lumber

and

COALS, STOVE

and

CHESNUT SIZES.

Work done to Order.

Also the best Lumber

and

COALS, STOVE

and

CHESNUT SIZES.

Work done to Order.

Also the best Lumber

and

COALS, STOVE

and

CHESNUT SIZES.

Work done to Order.

Also the best Lumber

and

COALS, STOVE

and

CHESNUT SIZES.

Work done to Order.

Also the best Lumber

and

COALS, STOVE

and

CHESNUT SIZES.